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The U.S. Government and the various states involved should stop wasting taxpayers' money and proceed with the settlement as quickly as possible. This case should never even have been brought - it was merely at the behest of a few whining competitors who don't understand how free markets are supposed to work as well as the ever-hungry trial/tort lawyers and a biased political administration. I should mention that I am an IT professional with no connection to any of the parties involved except for being a (usually) satisfied customer of Microsoft. This is a rapidly changing field and anyone who gives the customer more product for less inflation-adjusted cost over a period of years as Microsoft has constantly done has my vote. In addition Judge Penfield clearly was such a biased judge that the entire original trial was a travesty! Very truly yours David M. Waters